

# Music Genre Classification

CS725 Project

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# 1 Project Description

Sometimes it happens that we listen to a particular music, we instantly develop an affinity towards to that genre and want to listen to same type of music. Or sometimes we just want to organize our music collection based on genre. This project aims to classify music into different categories such as:

1. Rock
2. Hip Hop
3. Jazz
4. Metal
5. Classical
6. Pop
7. Disco

# 2 Tentative Approach

We'll proceed using the following workflow:

- Pre-process of the audio files.
- Extract relevant features from the pre-processed files. For example, Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficient, Spectral Centroid etc.
- Use ensemble learning for classification of the features. Classification algorithms like K-NN, Random Forest, Linear Kernel SVM etc. will be a part of our ensemble learning.

# 3 Papers

- A Comparative Study on Content-based Music Genre Classification [1]
- Deep Content-based Music Recommendation [2]
- A Benchmark Dataset for Audio Classification and Clustering [3]

# 4 Datasets

We will use *GTZAN Genre Collection* [4]. The dataset consists of 1000 audio tracks each 30 seconds long. It contains 10 genres, each represented by 100 tracks. The tracks are all 22050Hz Mono 16-bit audio files in .wav format.

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